Mechanism (APM) in the petroleum sector effective 1st April 2002, the Government subsidies on domestic LPG and PDS Kerosene are on flat rate basis. The changes in the consumer prices of these products, after taking into account the flat rate of subsidy, are to be made by the Oil Marketing Companies.

Categorisation of consumers

†1740. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RAJNAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have categorised the consumers of the country for the sale of LPG and Kerosene oil;

(b) if so, the categories of such consumers;

(c) the quantity and average sale price of LPG and Kerosene Oil sold to the consumers of each category during the year 2000-2001, 2001 -2002 and 2002-2003; and

(d) the criteria adopted for fixing the price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b)The consumers of LPG are divided between Domestic and non-Domestic category. Similarly consumers of SKO are divided between PDS and non-PDS categories.

(c) and (d) As per the information available, category-wise SKO and LPG sales of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) during 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 are as under:—

SKO (Figures in TMT)

Year	PDS	Non-PDS	Total
2000-01	10,544	136	10,680
2001 -02	9,969	125	10,094
2002-03	9,550	131	9,681

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

LPG (Figures in TMT)

Year	Dom.	Non-Dom.	Total
2000-01	6,301	312	6,613
2001-02	7,126	184	7,310
2002-03	7,813	364	8,177

While the prices of non-PDS Kerosene and non-Domestic LPG are fixed by the Oil Companies on commercial considerations, PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG are subsidized products. After the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism in the petroleum sector effective 1.4.02, the subsidy on PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG is provided on a flat rate basis. The prices of these products are to be revised by the Oil Companies after allocating for the flat rate of subsidy on thsee products. A Statement showing major revisions in the retail selling price of these products at Delhi *w.e.f.* 1.4.2000 is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Major Revisions in Retail Selling Price (RPS) at Delhi

	Domestic LPG (Rs./ cylinder)	PDS Kerosene (Rs./ litre)
As on 1.4.2000	196.55	5.55
As on 30.9.2000	232.25	8.35
As on 22.11.2000	222.25	7.35
As on 1.3.2002	259.95	8.98
As on 17.3.2002	240.45	
As on 1.11.2002	241.20*	

*Due to revision in Distributors' commission.

LNG from Qatar

1741. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Iran have agreed on 25-year gas investment deal, if so, the details of the project;

(b) whether India has similar agreement with Qatar; and

(c) if so, the expected time by when LNG from Qatar will reach our country?